

W-APS Minutes

29 June 2022

Joint Summer Meeting

1. **Welcome!**

2. **Attendance:** Kate Moots, Ania Wieczorek (online), Ricardo Gonzales, Claus Tittiger, Tracy Dougher, Nancy Deringer.

3. **Approval of Minutes (1 April 2022 & 6 May 2022)**—



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Minutes accepted as presented.

4. **Old Business**

a. **Mental Health for Administrators, Faculty, Staff and Students (Support animals, etc.)**—Trying to locate meeting recording.

5. **New Business**

a. **Election of Chair**—Ania was elected chair. Don was elected vice chair. Their terms to begin with the November APLU national meeting.

b. **Planning for Joint COP's**—Tracy will represent W-APS.

c. **Western Regional Joint Summer Meeting**— All

i. **DEAI (Diversity, Equity, Accessibility & Inclusion)**

ii. **Course sharing to regional degree programs**

d. **National Meeting**—Every three years staff is invited to join and tend to really enjoy. Next year is in New Orleans February 8-10, 2023, and is a staff inclusion year.

e. **Homework**- Let's come up with something we can all work on together. As leaders in the fields, we should be able to establish a plan of where we want to go and what we can accomplish.

f. **Consultant**- Potential we could hire consultant to finish our work on the course sharing. Kate might have Quotly assisting Guam free of charge for one year to get started. To make this work long term there needs to be more partnerships.

g. **Ricardo's Mini Sabbatical**- The university of Illinois accepted the mini sabbatical. The University of Purdue was close and accepted the mini sabbatical for 2 days. Both universities have lots of resources. Ricardo has six staff and Illinois and Purdue both have double the staff and a great fiscal support system. Illinois provides more than four million in scholarships; Purdue is over 2 million. Oregon state provides less than 1 million. Ricardo recommends something that this group can provide would be a rotation of visitation to each of the universities in the West. The staffing structures is also slightly different. Ricardo is going to restructure so not all his 7 staff report back to him. Ania shares that she has the same structure where 2 of her 15 members report directly to her and it works very well. Ania still runs a weekly staff meeting to stay on top of what's going on.

Kate noted that \$2,000 for a mini sabbatical wont even get Kate to the mainland, but could some of the meetings be done virtually moving forward?

Ricardo mentioned that on campus they take students on a virtual tour and member would be welcome to join.

Tracy tries to take her staff to different locations every year. This year they just visited Utah State University and Idaho in the past.

h. **Attendance**- Ania asked how we can get more members involved. Kate is going to begin with emails and then members will divide and make calls. Don recommends a brief script that includes the perceived value. The group would also like to include tribal colleges. A challenge is turnover.

i. **Institutional News**—

Don- Something we are going to try in August is an addition of workshop along with the institutional update from the Dean. One topic would be students with disabilities. IDEA- everyone has a different version of DEIA. Mental health is another topic that will focus on consolidation of resources. Also looking for a provost.

Nancy- Hired an assistant dean for DEIA. This has been very helpful. She offers open office hours, training, and committee. There are also mini grants available for DEIA programs.

Research and extension director partnered with three native American and community colleges on how to provide context that includes DEIA. It included redesigning syllabus and changing the language.

Partnering with HSI university to provide agricultural and they offer more cultural courses. Wendy Powers will be the new dean.

NC State University developed a program with four components: summer academy, family engagement, mentoring, in-school. This is a 8th-12th grade program. This is developing into multiple steps including STEM. The goal is to get high school students to graduate and move on to college. Ania recommends AFIA funded program called Ag Discovery. It is a two-week program with high school students. Students must apply, and if accepted attend for two full weeks.

Retention and recruitment person resigned. The program has been re-written.

Tracy- The person for student success just left after 11 years. The position has been re-written to assistant dean. Will be writing a new beginning grant again.

Claus- There was a program to provide massages for graduate students, but they had trouble getting approval from higher administration. UNR uses navigate to track interactions with students such as advising and to communicate with students. Searching for new recruitment and retention person.

Hired new director of extension from Michigan State.

First tribal scholars summer program was successful with 12 native American students. Workshops included financial aid, planning, etc. The goal is to get students aware of the steps to enroll in college.

There is a house that has been converted to a tribal residence, we are also trying to get an elder to live in the house.

Launching a new high school class with accounting and ag.

Ricardo- have a new president who is a minority serving woman. Trying to hire associate dean for international programs. It is a 50% FTE, and we have been struggling to hire. Extension is going to provide .25 FTE for international efforts in extension. Hiring a recruitment position and student engagement coordinator. Working with a group that supports Latino population in the Portland area. They are very powerful and work with the Governor. Working with the group to recruit students.

6. Next W-APS meeting—

08 July 2022—Virtual 2-3:30 p.m. PDT— ?

7. Adjourned

Calendar of Events and Important Notices

Event	Date	Notes
Maximizing Success for learners	8-9 June 2022	Virtual- by Remote Summit, Arizona State University
NACTA Meeting	20–24 June 2022	In Wooster OH
Western Region (APLU) Joint Summer Meeting	27–30 June 2022	Hilton Hotel, Concord CA Registration & Agenda
W-APS Monthly Meeting	08 July 2022	Virtual 2-3:30 p.m. PDT Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 850 8788 0327 Passcode: 583852
2022 Joint Committees on Organization and Policy (COPs) Summer Meeting	19-21 July 2022	Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington D.C. Registration & Agenda